



April 29, 2016

VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; Rule 54.312(c)(5) Certification*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 19, 2016, Puerto Rico Telephone Company, Inc. ("PRT") provided notice to the Commission that PRT proposed to modify its Connect America Fund ("CAF") Phase I Round 2 broadband deployment plan to include 323 census blocks not identified by PRT at the time of its initial election on August 23, 2013.¹ Since that filing, PRT has removed seven of those census blocks from its deployment plan.² Accordingly, PRT now intends to deploy to 316 census blocks not identified at the time of its initial election.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.312(c)(5), the undersigned certifies that:

- (1) none of the additional locations are shown on the current National Broadband Map as served by any fixed broadband provider;
- (2) the additional locations are, to the best of PRT's knowledge, unserved by fixed broadband at speeds greater than 768 kbps downstream and 200 kbps upstream;

¹ See Letter from Thomas J. Navin, Counsel, Puerto Rico Telephone Company, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 10-90 (Feb. 19, 2016).

² The seven census blocks are those identified with GEO ID Codes 720252003024003, 721191304021030, 721191304021026, 721191304021024, 721191304021025, 720819578003022, and 720819578003015.

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(3) PRT's current capital improvement plan did not already include plans to complete broadband deployment to the additional locations within the next three years;

(4) deployment to the additional locations will not be used to satisfy any merger commitment or similar regulatory obligation; and

(5) PRT has undertaken due diligence and determined that the additional locations are not within the service area of either the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program projects that will provide last mile Internet access with speeds of at least 3 Mbps downstream and 768 upstream.

This certification is true and complete to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mario R. Barrera", is written over a large, loopy circular flourish.

Mario R. Barrera
Chief Operating Officer
Puerto Rico Telephone Company, Inc.